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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3911

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY.

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, SHUM, SF

SUBJECT: BLOEM ACQUITTED ON TERRORISM CHARGES

REF: 75 PRETORIA 4234.

1. BERNARD TREVOR BLOEM WAS ACQUITTED IN JOHANNESBURG'S RAND SUPREME COURT FEBRUARY 27 ON TWO CHARGES UNDER THE TERRORISM ACT. THE STATE HAD ALLEGED THAT BLOEM, WHO WAS DETAINED WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER MEMBERS OF AFRO ON FEBRUARY 6 LAST YEAR, CONSPIRED WITH OTHERS TO LEAVE SOUTH AFRICA IN LATE 1974 AND EARLY 1975 IN ORDER TO MAKE CONTACT WITH UNLAWFUL ORGANIZATIONS TO OBTAIN MILITARY TRAINING, AND TO RE-ENTER THE REPUBLIC WITH THE AIM OF BRINGING ABOUT POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND/OR INDUSTRIAL CHANGE. A CHARGE UNDER THE SUPPRESSION OF COMMUNISM ACT WHICH FOLLOWED FROM THE MAIN CHARGE WAS DROPPED BY THE STATE.

2. BLOEM WAS CONVICTED ON SEVERAL SECONDARY CTARGES. HE HAD PLEADED GUILTY TO POSSESSING TWO COPIES OF SESHABA  
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( BANNED MAGAZINE OF THE ANC) AND TO ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY FOR

A SHORT TIME FOUR DAYS AFTER HIS DETENTION. IN ADDITION,  
HE WAS FOUND GUILTY OF POSSESSING OBSCENE PLAYING CARDS.  
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE THERON SENTENCED BLOEM TO FINES TOTALING  
R500 AND, ON THE ESCAPE COUNT, SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT  
SUSPENDED FOR THREE YEARS. DETAINERS PATRICK MACGULWA AND  
RAYMOND BURGERS, WHO WERE NAMED AS UNCHARGED CO-CONSPIRATORS IN  
THE ORIGINAL BLOEM INDICTMENT, WERE EACH SENTENCED TO TEN  
DAYS IMPRISONMENT FOR REFUSING TO TESTIFY AGAINST BLOEM.  
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